

2024-2025 Woodbridge Kart Club Board of Director Nomination Biographies

Please read and consider the following information about the nominations that have been made for the five (5) open seats for a two-year term on the WKC Board of Directors. You may vote for up to five candidates and use either the online election ballot and/or mail-in your paper ballot to the address listed. Thank you for your participation.

Name: Simon Whitnell

Years in Karting: 34

Experience:

With the Woodbridge Kart club I've driven Enduros 99% of the time. Ran a Briggs class at a local dirt track for a couple of years. And also ran a "Slingshot" on 1/4-mile dirt ovals for 6 years.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

After enjoying the benefits of a well-run club for my first 26 years of racing - I wanted to give my time and dedication back to the club. For the past 8 years I've been handling the awards, social activities, and run the awards banquet.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

A successful BOD need to be well balanced. I try and offer a creative side and voice my opinion in the "not afraid" to try new things category. And since I have your attention - I invite you to run for the BOD to help keep this balance.

Name: Rodney Smith _____

Years in Karting: 23 _____

Experience:

Since 2006 I have held a Board of Directors position with the club. I have held an executive position with the club since 2007.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

I want to continue to listen to our members and try to figure out what is best for the club for both the members and a sound financial decision.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

While I am no longer a active racer with the club I have continued to hold a Executive Officer position within the club and still a very active Board of Director. I am still managing the Registration area and the club database for registration.

Name: Brandon Taylor

Years in Karting: 34

Experience: I have been at Summit Point with the WKC since I was two weeks old. I am finishing my 4th term on the Board of Directors and have been the WKC race director for 18 years. Have raced nearly every type of kart and have won regional and national championships.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC: I want to continue moving the club in a forward direction. Rising costs and the landscape of road racing in general is a concern and I want to do everything I can to have an operational organization for years to come – long after my tenure is over.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination: I have nothing more to add other than I have great working relationships with our current board and have contacts throughout the karting industry because of positions held throughout the last 20 years. Some of these may be vital in maintaining and establishing new relationships in the future.

Name: Clark Gaynor Jr.

Years in Karting: 34

Experience:

I've previously served on the board of directors of the WKC. I have general busyness experience including contracts and negotiations. As I've raced just about every type of kart available so I have general knowledge of many classes.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

I want to assist the Woodbridge Kart Club to remain a healthy club that hosts events at great facilities for all to enjoy.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

1) I have good relationships with many club members. 2) I like to consider all ideas with an open mind.

Name: GREG HEBERUE

Years in Karting: 22

Experience:

BEEN RACING WITH THE WOODBRIDGE KART CLUB FOR 22 YEARS. PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB PLUS RAN SCORING & POINTS

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE CLUB AGAIN AND HELP SET THE DIRECTION TO MAKE WKC SUCCESSFUL

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

FASTER THAN CLARK JR.

Name: Dennis Whittaker

Years in Karting: 10 Years

Experience:

Dirt, road, and sprint racing

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

To implement strategic improvements aimed at enhancing the current state of the club and to help improve the longevity of the club.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

Extensive corporate background in guiding strategic financial decision-making and other critical business determinations, exemplified by tenures at Stone Container and Hewlett Packard.

Name: Dennis Whittaker Jr.

Years in Karting: 7 Years

Experience:

Sprint Racing

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

To foster the club's expansion to its fullest capacity and sustain its operations, ensuring opportunities for successive generations to actively engage and benefit from club participation.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

Proficient maintenance scheduler adept at orchestrating seamless workflows and facilitating smooth transitions, thereby optimizing operational efficiency within a manufacturing plant.

Name: Michael Gaulin

Years in Karting: 3

Experience:

Very little as far as racing, was on board of the National Roofing Contractor Assn. Did that 3 times over 20 yrs. those were 3yr each.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

Love the sport and would love to help grow the sport and to bring new people into the sport.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

Have made a lot of friends in these few years racing and would love to continue those friendships and help grow sport to younger racers.

Name: Brian Donati

Years in Karting: 5 years (Three in road course and 2 in Dirt Karting)

Experience: I am experienced in operations / procedures with day to day business. Have help run and create different policy and procedures within different racing series such as (SCCA - Super Cup Stock Car Series). I am heavy involved within the marketing side of motorsports across all phases.

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC: Hope to come in and create a difference with new ideas to a long standing club

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination: Look to bring a fresh face to business side on the club and fresh new ideas. I think having additional marketing tools and phases to help the club grow to where no other karting group has completed. To bring updated technology to the marketing side to help with creating additional partners / companies to bring karting to a large target.

Name: Walter Myers

Years in Karting: Off and On since 2002

Experience:

I have had many racing experiences between racing at Monrovia in MD at local tracks to MD divisional series, The WKA nationals in Mid Ohio and Daytona on the big track and sprint. I have witnessed kids rise up through the ranks and seen death. Mostly in the Animal Classes and modified and Flat head classes

Why you desire to be on the Bod for WKC:

I desire to be in the BOD for WKC because one day I would like to build a racetrack, I know it's lofty but it seems natural to me. I have been karting since I was 11 years old. Its problem solving and competitive nature has helped shape me and I feel I would like to support the sport. Over the last year, getting back into the sport I felt like I wanted to help improve things but not sure how I can make a change. Seeing the few board members leave makes me feel the need to try and preserve what this group of men maintained and gives me an opportunity to do what I would like, by taking on some responsibility.

Other information you would like to be considered for your nomination:

I have a passion for this sport and its power to bring families together.
My wife and kids support this decision and we live quite close to Summit so that is a plus.
I'm also somewhat young so I believe I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board.
I also would like to find some more sponsors for the organization.